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Sending Out Bills

We are now at work sending out bills to the following: (1) To all Sunday-schools indebted to the House for literature. (2) To all who have an account on the ledger, whether the account is new or old. (3) To those whose subscriptions expired before the close of the year 1899. (4) To those whose subscriptions expired since the beginning of the year. Now this is not a small work, and we trust those to whom the notices are sent will give them the attention they deserve. We are very anxious to have all accounts settled up to date when August 1st arrives.

Topic Cards

We have had as many as a half dozen calls for topic cards for the coming year, but as there was not sufficient sale last year to pay for the publication of the card we have thought it best not to publish any this year. If however local societies desire to have cards printed with names of committees we shall be glad to supply such, but always send in your order in good time.

Handsome Souvenir Book, Free

We are in receipt of a beautiful forty-eight page Souvenir and Guide to Columbus, now being issued by the Columbus Railway Company. It contains seventy-two elegant half-tone illustrations of all the principal attractions of the Capital City, including the two famous parks, "Olentangy" and "Minnetta" with map of the city and its street railway lines and full directions. It is unlike the usual run of such publications, being entirely free from advertising, and is worthy a place in any parlor or library. The book is not only valuable for reference, but will prove an excellent guide to excursion parties or individuals desiring to visit Columbus.

Copies may be had, postage free, by sending address to P. V. Burlington, Secretary of The Columbus Railway Company, Columbus, Ohio.

The word "compound," which is used frequently in the war dispatches from China, means an inclosure. In that country and Japan it is customary to build high brick walls around factories, business houses, banks and residences for protection, and these are the "compounds" mentioned.

Personal Mention

Brother Yoder writes that he is busy now looking after pastoral work, and reports one accession by baptism at Fairview.

Brother Lyon reports one added to the Washington City Mission by baptism. We would like to inform Brother Lyon that there are "Thermometer" Christians in places other than large cities.

Brother J. G. Winey and wife, who for some time have been visiting in Pennsylvania, are now on their way home, Lake Odessa, Mich., but will stop a short time at both Altoona and Johnstown.

Brother Mackey reports one accession by relation from the G. B.'s to the Bear Creek congregation. Recently Dr. Mackey was offered the chair of classics in Dallas College, Oregon, a comparatively new school, sustaining Preparatory, Normal, Scientific, and Classical Courses. The offer has been declined.

This is a good place to say that now as the preachers begin to gather at Winona, some for a good time, others that they may learn more fully the way of God, and drink deeper the fount of eternal life, they should not, as they did last year, entirely forget the editor sweltering in an awful heat trying to find copy enough to fill the columns of the EVANGELIST. Brother Witter is setting a splendid example to all who may go to Winona to spend their vacation.

Professor Witter has promised us weekly reports from Winona, Indiana, where he is spending his vacation doing educational work. For next week we have on hand, "The New Emancipation," the subject of a lecture delivered at Winona by Rev. Geo. L. McNutt. Brother Witter gives a mere outline of the lecture which we feel sure will interest our readers. This week we give a brief report of a lecture by Mrs. Booth, showing the excellent Christian work that is being done by the Salvation Army among a class of people not reached by others.

Sister Detwiler's "Notes from the Field" are a week late, the communication in this issue having been intended for last week's paper. It came about in this wise: The matter for the paper was sent in the same envelope with a letter addressed to Emma Gnagey, Ashland, Ohio, and as we do not open her letters, and she not being at home, we had no way of knowing that the communication was here. Moral: Always keep matter for the paper, business matters, and private letters separate. It is much easier for you to keep them separate than it is for us to separate them after arriving at the office.

We have on hand some interesting church news from Sister Ewing who writes for the Dayton Mission; from Brother Braker, Falls City, Nebraska, and others which came too late for the issue of the same week. We always have room for some that arrives on Monday morning, but not even very much for that. Would it not be a good time to write your church news, say, Tuesday or Wednesday and mail at once. Then it will reach our office Fridays and Saturdays, or probably on Thursdays of the week when it is written, and will appear the following week.

Brother Martin Shively spent a few weeks at Lordsburg preaching, and as a result a church was organized with twenty-nine members. Five of these were received by baptism and two by relation. The little band of believers at that place now enjoys all the privileges of an organized church with brother B. F. Schisler as pastor. It is a good field for the Brethren church, and we may expect good results from the efforts of the Brethren at that place. We note with pleasure that Sister Slotter is one of the members of this body of believers. No doubt the readers of the EVANGELIST will learn thru her of the doings of the Lord's people at Lordsburg, California.

On Thursday evening of last week brother Alvin Byers of Rosedale, Pa., very unexpectedly rapped at our door. His visit was a pleasant surprise to the editor and family, having had no intimation whatever of his coming. His congregation allowed him a short vacation, and he chose to spend at least a part of it at Ashland with his many friends here. He left for home on Monday night of this week. We appreciated and enjoyed his visit among us. While in school here he lived for a time in our home doing work in the office. He is now pastor of three congregations, Rosedale being one of them, and is doing good work.

On Saturday afternoon of this week we expect Brother Cassel, wife and daughter, from Philadelphia, Pa. They are on their way to Winona, Indiana, where they expect to spend their vacation from now to the time of National Conference. They have planned to stop over in Ashland for a few days. Sister Cassel has never been at Ashland and she will enjoy her visit the more to this historic place in the Brethren church. Preaching has been announced for Brother Cassel the coming Sabbath. He and family will find a hearty welcome here at Ashland in the hearts and homes of the people.

We were much surprised last week to hear of the very sudden and unexpected death of brother J. D. Livengood, Elk Lick, Pa., whose acquaintance we formed many years ago. He seemed to have been well in the evening when he retired but was dead at 4 o'clock in the morning; another evidence of the uncertainty and the frailty of human life. Moses thoroughly understood the nature of human life when in mournful tones he broke forth in the words of the ninetyeth Psalm. Brother Livengood was a member of the German Baptist church, and known in the community where he lived as a very charitable man. His wife is a member of the Brethren church at Elk Lick. The town and the community have lost a good man in Brother Livengood.

According to the report of the secretary, Brother Miller, of the Indiana Mission Board, published in this issue, the brethren of that state mean to set an example to all other districts. Read the report. They have already done a splendid work, and the conference will not close until sometime in October. There is a great work to be done in each of the several districts, and the beauty of it is that work done in the state under the supervision of a Home Mission Board can be looked after when it is established. Congregations organized and left without a shepherd or any pastoral help is very superficial unsatisfactory work, and will only too soon come to naught. Brother Rensch as president of the Board and Brother Miller as secretary are making a most commendable showing. One has not far to go to see the fields waving white with the ripened grain, and but few laborers to enter in and gather it for the Lord's garner. Let the church pray earnestly that the Lord may send more laborers into the field, and then follow up our prayers with that which will permit the Lord to consistently answer our prayers.

Quiet Observer

Quiet Observer, like Solomon of old, has tried to find out many things and has found with him that at least some things are vanity and vexation of spirit. Perhaps the thoughtful reader has solved some of these riddles. If so, let the world hear your solution for the kingdom cannot come until they be solved. Here are a few of our troubles:

1. The cows of our country are queer creatures. They can be milked early on summer evenings on occasions of weekday entertainments, but on Sunday evenings this is utterly impossible on account of the flies. Hence many are late to church. Who can explain?

2. The pocket books of so many church members are such inscrutable mysteries. When mon-